

In the Claims:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A flower pot cover in combination with a retaining medium for holding and retaining a floral grouping, the flower pot cover comprising:
a base portion defining a receiving space receiving at least a portion of the retaining medium so as to hold and retain the retaining medium, the base portion being constructed of a thermoformed plastic material, the base portion having an upper end, a lower end, and a sidewall extending between the upper end and the lower end, the sidewall being substantially devoid of overlapping folds and having decorative ornamentation associated with at least a portion of the sidewall.
2. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 1, wherein the base portion further comprises a closed bottom.
3. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 1, wherein the base portion further comprises an open bottom.
4. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 1, wherein the base portion further comprises a partially closed bottom wherein at least one open area is formed in the bottom.
5. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 1, wherein the decorative ornamentation includes a printed pattern.

6. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 5, wherein the decorative ornamentation includes an embossed pattern.
7. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 5, wherein the decorative ornamentation includes an etched pattern.
8. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 1, wherein the decorative ornamentation is formed by a texture of a mold utilized in forming the base portion.
9. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 5, wherein the decorative ornamentation includes an etched pattern and an embossed pattern.
10. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 1, wherein the decorative ornamentation includes an embossed pattern.
11. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 10, wherein the decorative ornamentation includes an etched pattern.
12. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 1, wherein the decorative ornamentation includes an etched pattern.
13. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 1, wherein the decorative ornamentation is selected from a group consisting of printing, etching, embossing and texturing.

14. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 1, wherein the decorative ornamentation includes at least two of the ornamentations selected from a group consisting of printing, etching, embossing and texturing.

15. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 1, further comprising a skirt extending from the sidewall of the base portion.

16. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 15, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface and wherein the skirt extends from at least a portion of the inner surface of the sidewall.

17. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 15, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface and wherein the skirt is connected to at least a portion of the inner surface of the sidewall.

18. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 15, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an outer surface and wherein the skirt extends from at least a portion of the outer surface of the sidewall.

19. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 15, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an outer surface and wherein the skirt is connected to at least a portion of the outer surface of the sidewall.

20. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 15, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface, an outer surface, and a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface, and wherein the skirt extends from at least a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface of the sidewall.

21. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 15, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface, an outer surface, and a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface, and wherein the skirt is connected to at least a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface of the sidewall.

22. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 2, further comprising a skirt extending from the sidewall of the base portion.

23. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 22, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface and wherein the skirt extends from at least a portion of the inner surface of the sidewall.

24. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 22, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface and wherein the skirt is connected to at least a portion of the inner surface of the sidewall.

25. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 22, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an outer surface and wherein the skirt extends from at least a portion of the outer surface of the sidewall.

26. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 22, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an outer surface and wherein the skirt is connected to at least a portion of the outer surface of the sidewall.

27. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 22, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface, an outer surface, and a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface, and wherein the skirt extends from at least a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface of the sidewall.

28. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 22, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface, an outer surface, and a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface, and wherein the skirt is connected to at least a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface of the sidewall.

29. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 3, further comprising a skirt extending from the sidewall of the base portion.

30. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 29, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface and wherein the skirt extends from at least a portion of the inner surface of the sidewall.

31. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 29, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface and wherein the skirt is connected to at least a portion of the inner surface of the sidewall.

32. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 29, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an outer surface and wherein the skirt extends from at least a portion of the outer surface of the sidewall.

33. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 29, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an outer surface and wherein the skirt is connected to at least a portion of the outer surface of the sidewall.

34. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 29, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface, an outer surface, and a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface, and wherein the skirt extends from at least a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface of the sidewall.

35. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 29, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface, an outer surface, and a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface, and wherein the skirt is connected to at least a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface of the sidewall.

36. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 4, further comprising a skirt extending from the sidewall of the base portion.

37. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 36, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface and wherein the skirt extends from at least a portion of the inner surface of the sidewall.

38. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 36, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface and wherein the skirt is connected to at least a portion of the inner surface of the sidewall.

39. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 36, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an outer surface and wherein the skirt extends from at least a portion of the outer surface of the sidewall.

40. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 36, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an outer surface and wherein the skirt is connected to at least a portion of the outer surface of the sidewall.

41. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 36, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface, an outer surface, and a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface, and wherein the skirt extends from at least a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface of the sidewall.

42. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 36, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface, an outer surface, and a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface, and wherein the skirt is connected to at least a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface of the sidewall.

43. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 1, further comprising a sleeve portion extending above at least a portion of the base portion.

44. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 43, wherein the sleeve portion has an open upper end.

45. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 43, wherein the sleeve portion extends about at least a portion of a floral grouping.

46. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 43, wherein the sleeve portion has a closed upper end.

47. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 43, wherein the sleeve portion is detachable from the remainder of the flower pot cover.

48. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 43, further comprising a skirt extending from the base portion, and wherein the sleeve portion is connected to the skirt.

49. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 48, wherein the sleeve portion is detachable from the skirt.

50. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 48, further comprising means for detaching the sleeve portion from the skirt.

51. (Original) A flower pot cover in combination with a retaining medium for holding and retaining a floral grouping, comprising:

a base portion constructed of a material selected from a group of materials consisting of a thermoplastic material and a thermoset material, the base portion receiving at least a portion of the retaining medium to hold and retain the retaining medium, the base portion having an upper end, a lower end, and a sidewall extending between the

upper end and the lower end, the sidewall being flexible and shape-sustaining, the sidewall being devoid of overlapping folds and having decorative ornamentation associated with the sidewall.

52. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 51, wherein the flower pot cover is formed from at least one process selected from a group comprising an injection molding process, a blow molding process, an extrusion process, and combinations thereof.

53. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 51, wherein the base portion further comprises a closed bottom.

54. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 51, wherein the base portion further comprises an open bottom.

55. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 51, wherein the base portion further comprises a partially closed bottom wherein at least one open area is formed in the bottom.

56. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 51, wherein the decorative ornamentation includes a printed pattern.

57. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 56, wherein the decorative ornamentation includes an embossed pattern.

58. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 56, wherein the decorative ornamentation includes an etched pattern.

59. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 51, wherein the decorative ornamentation is formed by a texture of a mold utilized in forming the base portion.

60. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 56, wherein the decorative ornamentation includes an etched pattern and an embossed pattern.

61. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 51, wherein the decorative ornamentation includes an embossed pattern.

62. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 61, wherein the decorative ornamentation includes an etched pattern.

63. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 51, wherein the decorative ornamentation includes an etched pattern.

64. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 51, wherein the decorative ornamentation is selected from a group consisting of printing, etching, embossing and texturing.

65. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 51, wherein the decorative ornamentation includes at least two of the ornamentations selected from a group consisting of printing, etching, embossing and texturing.

66. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 51, further comprising a skirt extending from the sidewall of the base portion.

67. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 66, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface and wherein the skirt extends from at least a portion of the inner surface of the sidewall.

68. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 66, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface and wherein the skirt is connected to at least a portion of the inner surface of the sidewall.

69. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 66, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an outer surface and wherein the skirt extends from at least a portion of the outer surface of the sidewall.

70. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 66, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an outer surface and wherein the skirt is connected to at least a portion of the outer surface of the sidewall.

71. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 66, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface, an outer surface, and a portion of the sidewall

positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface, and wherein the skirt extends from at least a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface of the sidewall.

72. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 66, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface, an outer surface, and a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface, and wherein the skirt is connected to at least a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface of the sidewall.

73. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 53, further comprising a skirt extending from the sidewall of the base portion.

74. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 73, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface and wherein the skirt extends from at least a portion of the inner surface of the sidewall.

75. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 73, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface and wherein the skirt is connected to at least a portion of the inner surface of the sidewall.

76. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 73, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an outer surface and wherein the skirt extends from at least a portion of the outer surface of the sidewall.

77. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 73, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an outer surface and wherein the skirt is connected to at least a portion of the outer surface of the sidewall.

78. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 73, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface, an outer surface, and a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface, and wherein the skirt extends from at least a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface of the sidewall.

79. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 73, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface, an outer surface, and a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface, and wherein the skirt is connected to at least a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface of the sidewall.

80. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 54, further comprising a skirt extending from the sidewall of the base portion.

81. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 80, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface and wherein the skirt extends from at least a portion of the inner surface of the sidewall.

82. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 80, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface and wherein the skirt is connected to at least a portion of the inner surface of the sidewall.

83. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 80, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an outer surface and wherein the skirt extends from at least a portion of the outer surface of the sidewall.

84. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 80, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an outer surface and wherein the skirt is connected to at least a portion of the outer surface of the sidewall.

85. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 80, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface, an outer surface, and a portion of the sidewall

positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface, and wherein the skirt extends from at least a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface of the sidewall.

86. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 80, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface, an outer surface, and a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface, and wherein the skirt is connected to at least a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface of the sidewall.

87. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 55, further comprising a skirt extending from the sidewall of the base portion.

88. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 87, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface and wherein the skirt extends from at least a portion of the inner surface of the sidewall.

89. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 87, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface and wherein the skirt is connected to at least a portion of the inner surface of the sidewall.

90. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 87, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an outer surface and wherein the skirt extends from at least a portion of the outer surface of the sidewall.

91. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 87, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an outer surface and wherein the skirt is connected to at least a portion of the outer surface of the sidewall.

92. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 87, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface, an outer surface, and a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface, and wherein the skirt extends from at least a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface of the sidewall.

93. (Original) The flower pot cover as defined in claim 87, wherein the sidewall of the base portion includes:

an inner surface, an outer surface, and a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface, and wherein the skirt is connected to at least a portion of the sidewall positioned between the inner surface and the outer surface of the sidewall.

94. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 51, further comprising a sleeve portion extending above at least a portion of the base portion.

95. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 94, wherein the sleeve portion has an open upper end.

96. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 94, wherein the sleeve portion extends about at least a portion of a floral grouping.

97. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 94, wherein the sleeve portion has a closed upper end.

98. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 94, wherein the sleeve portion is detachable from the remainder of the flower pot cover.

99. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 94, further comprising a skirt extending from the base portion, and wherein the sleeve portion is connected to the skirt.

100. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 99, wherein the sleeve portion is detachable from the skirt.

101. (Original) The flower pot cover of claim 99, further comprising means for detaching the sleeve portion from the skirt.

102. (Original) A flower pot cover in combination with a retaining medium for holding and retaining a floral grouping, the flower pot cover comprising:

a base portion having an upper end, a lower end, and a sidewall extending between the upper end and the lower end, the sidewall of the

base portion having an outer surface, the base portion receiving at least a portion of the retaining medium to hold and retaining the retaining medium; and

a skirt formed separately from the base portion and extending upwardly and outwardly from the outer surface of the sidewall.

103. (Original) A flower pot cover in combination with a retaining medium for holding and retaining a floral grouping, the flower pot cover comprising:

a base portion having an upper end, a lower end, a sidewall extending between the upper end and the lower end, and a bottom, the sidewall of the base portion having an inner surface, the base portion receiving at least a portion of the retaining medium to hold and retaining the retaining medium; and

a skirt formed separately from the base portion and extending upwardly and outwardly from the inner surface of the sidewall.